

## SAILING DIRECTIONS CORRECTIONS

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Page 111—Lines 55/L to 3/R; read:

North West Channel, the main approach from seaward, has a maximum depth of 14m and extends about 14 miles to a point off the WSW extent of Spitfire Banks (27°01'S., 153°16'E.). Spitfire Channel, with a depth of 14m, leads from North West Channel to the NE terminus of Main Channel.

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Page 137—Line 45/L; read:

1. Torres Pilots  
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Page 138—Line 40/R; insert after:

<p><b>Australian Maritime Safety Authority</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.amsa.gov.au">http://www.amsa.gov.au</a></p>
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Page 188—Lines 1 to 50/R; read:

Pilots are available from Australian Reef Pilots Limited (call sign—Reef Pilots) and Torres Pilots (call sign—Torres Pilots). Both companies maintain comprehensive websites.

<p><b>Australian Reef Pilots Pty Ltd.</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.reefpilots.com.au">http://www.reefpilots.com.au</a></p>
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<p><b>Torres Pilots</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.torrespilots.com.au">http://www.torrespilots.com.au</a></p>
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**Southbound and Eastbound Vessels.**—Vessels requiring pilotage should give 4 to 5 days notice advising the ETA at the pilot boarding place, maximum draft, and destination.

Confirmation or adjustment of the ETA should be sent 24 and 6 hours prior to arrival. Contact the respective pilot station 2 hours before arrival, as follows:

1. Torres Pilots—VHF channel 79.
2. Reef Pilots—VHF channel 20.

**Northbound and Westbound Vessels.**—If in an Australian port, advise Pilots of pilotage requirements, giving as much notice as possible.

If coming from an overseas port, advise pilots 4 to 5 days in advance of pilotage requirements, stating ETA (name of boarding place), maximum draft, and destination. For more information, see paragraph 7.1 under the heading “Navigation in the Great Barrier Reef.”

**Hydrographers Passage.**—Requests for pilotage should be sent 4 to 5 days in advance stating ETA at Blossom Bank and a confirmation of suitability for land-on helicopter transfer. At 48, 24, and 6 hours before arrival at Blossom Bank,

confirm or amend the ETA to the pilotage association at Mackay.

**Grafton Passage and Palm Passage.**—Requests for pilotage should be sent 4 to 5 days in advance stating ETA at Euston or Pith Reefs and with a confirmation of suitability for land-on helicopter transfer at Pith Reef.

**Great North East Channel.**—Requests for pilotage should be sent 4 to 5 days in advance stating ETA and pilot boarding position, maximum draft, and destination. For more information, see paragraph 7.1 under the heading “Navigation in the Great Barrier Reef.”

**Note.**—Boardings and landings are by launch with the exception of Hydrographer's Passage and Edward Island Palm Passage, where only a land-on helicopter can be utilized. Land-on helicopters are available at other boarding places by arrangement, depending on aircraft availability and suitability of the vessel to accept a land-on helicopter. Vessels requiring pilot boarding by helicopter should request this service when ordering a pilot. Winch-down operations will be introduced when suitable aircraft are available. As a guide, a clear space of 21m is the minimum required for land-on helicopter operations. Some helicopters, however, require larger areas.

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